



OUR LADY'S, MARNHULL & ST BENEDICT'S, GILLINGHAM

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Marnhull RC Parish is part of the Plymouth RC Diocese, Registered Charity No. 213227



29th Week in Ordinary Time

18th October 2026

Day	Place	Time	Celebrating	Intention
Sunday 18th Oct	Marnhull	9.00 a.m.	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Eric Foster, RiP
	Gillingham	11.00 a.m.		
	Marnhull	6 p.m.		
Monday 19th Oct	Marnhull	9.30 a.m. Holy Mass & <i>Rosary</i>		Deceased Priests & Benefactors of Marnhull Mission
Tuesday 20th Oct	No Mass			
Wednesday 21st Oct	Gillingham	10 a.m. Holy Mass & <i>Rosary</i>		For those yet to encounter God
Thursday 22nd Oct		9.30 a.m. Holy Mass & <i>Benediction</i>		Cyril Bastable, RiP
Friday 23rd Oct	Gillingham	5pm Confession, Rosary, Benediction 6 p.m. Holy Mass		
Saturday 24th Oct		10 a.m. Holy Mass followed by Confession	Blessed Virgin Mary Memorial	
Sunday 25th Oct	Marnhull	9.00 a.m.	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	Gillingham	11.00 a.m.		
	Marnhull	6 p.m.		

Please pray for the sick of our Parish

David Parish, Joyce West, Thony White, Hilary Drake, Sarah Mackay, Brian White, John Graham, Jane Rqw, Rory Herbert, Kay White, Frances Mobray, Joyce Mitchell, Chris Williams, Petronella Sellick, Timothy Harris, Mary George, Kate McLuskey.

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Readers: 9am: Charles; 11am: Philip; 6pm: Jonny.

October is the month of the Holy Rosary

A time of focussed devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Please make an effort to say the Rosary every day throughout October – especially the Family Rosary. As Padre Pio says: "If there were one million families praying the Rosary every day, the entire world would be saved."

We will be praying the Holy Rosary on Monday, Wednesday & Friday in the Church (see above for details).

This Sunday is World Mission Sunday and there will be a retiring collection after Mass.

NB: Clocks go back 1 hour on Saturday 24th October!

****New**** The next session of the Sycamore Course **The Light of Christ** takes place on **Monday 19th Oct at 7.00pm in St Benedict's Parish Hall**. All are welcome for stimulating discussion and refreshments even if you haven't attended the other sessions. Any questions please speak to Deacon James - 07906 599389.

****New**** The 'Small Book' Club will meet at 2.30 p.m. at St. Benedict's in October, on Thursdays **1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th**. We will be reading & discussing the CTS booklet "St. Padre Pio".

****New** Holy Communion and Confirmation Candidates for 2026-2027**

If your child is 7 years old or over and would like to make their 1st Holy Communion, please speak to one of the Clergy after Sunday Mass - it is obligatory for parents to bring their children to Sunday Mass as part of the preparation for Holy Communion. Holy Communion classes will take place every Thursday at 5pm in St Benedict's hall – **the 1st class starts this Thursday 22nd October**.

****New** Use of the St Benedict's Parish Hall**

St Benedict's Parish Hall is available to hire for private use by Parishioners. For details please see the Parish Secretary: marnhull@prcdtr.org.uk or 07432 404358.

****New** Christmas Shoe boxes**

Collection crates will be in both Churches on Sunday (and in the hall/side chapel during the week). Please take a list of suggestions for gifts to bring cheer to poor folk in Eastern Europe. Note: chocolate is now a forbidden item! Thank you in advance. Any empty shoe boxes gratefully received.

****New** Needed -Safeguarding Rep for Our Lady's**

If you are interested and feel you could help, please speak to Fr Cletus or Barbara Turnbull.

Are YOU being Called to Serve as a PERMANENT DEACON? Come to our Enquirers' Day on **Saturday 31st October 2026** at St Boniface House Ashburton TQ13 7JL 10.30 am -1.30 pm. To book, please contact Deacon Nick Johnson on 07768 622343 or nick.johnson@prcdtr.org.uk For more information on the Diaconate, please click the [link](#)

Rosary for Unborn Children

Please remember that there is a Rosary every fortnight on Thursdays at 7pm outside [Shaftesbury Abbey gates](#) - the next Rosary will be on Thursday 22nd October at 7pm. **Everyone Welcome!**

Prayer Conference. Buckfast Abbey, Saturday Oct 31 & Sunday Nov 1. 2026 (weekend event)

UNBOUND Freedom in Christ. Come and join us as we unpack each of the key themes of the ministry; Repentance & Faith, Forgiveness, Renunciation, Authority, and the Father's Blessing. Weekend tickets from £65. To book [UNBOUND Freedom in Christ Prayer Retreat. Buckfast Abbey, Devon – Fill in form](#)

Call or email Michele Thompson for more information 07940 453607 michele.thompson@prcdtr.org.uk For more information on Unbound Ministry please follow the link: [https:// www.unboundprayer.com/](https://www.unboundprayer.com/)

VACANCY - Deputy Headteacher at The Cathedral School of St Mary, Plymouth

Full details, job description, recruitment pack and application form can be found using the link below: <https://recruit.sampeople.co.uk/Jobboard/Vacancy/Details?campaignref=SCH-PIC-0145>

Youth Volunteers Newsletter

<https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t-FD9D3738248EC9822540EF23F30FEDED> for the new E-Newsletter for those working with youth in the Diocese. Please contact Saskia, youth@prcdtr.org.uk if you would like to be added to the mailing list.

****New** Youth Volunteers Training Day (18+)**

Saturday 24th October, Exeter University. Join a group of volunteers from across the Diocese at Exeter University Catholic Chaplaincy, to explore accompanying young people through the transition of the Childhood faith to take ownership of their own faith journey. Booking essential: [Volunteers Training Day October 24th 2026 – Fill in form](#)

****New** Advent Retreat Day, Saturday 5th December 2026 at St Rita's Centre, Honiton.**

"Exploring Prayer & Conversion" led by Fr. Gerald Wilson, OAR

The day will begin with coffee/tea on arrival at 9.30am. The first talk will start at 10am. The second talk will be at 11am. Adoration in silence (with an opportunity for Confession) will be at 12.00pm. Lunch will be served at 1pm. Holy Mass at 2.45pm. Depart at 3.30pm. The charge for the day, including lunch, is just £27.00. To register, please complete an application form and let us know of any dietary requirements. You can contact St Rita's Centre by phone at 01404 42635, by email at admin@stritascentre.org, or register online via our website: [ADVENT RETREAT DAY- "EXPLORING PRAYER AND CONVERSION"](#). Payment can be made in advance or on the day.

****New** Catholic Saints & Feasts**

If you are interested in learning about the inspiring Saints of the Catholic Church, click on the link: <https://www.youtube.com/@CatholicSaintsandFeasts>

****New** Vatican News article on the Catholic Roots of Halloween.**

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2019-10/the-catholic-roots-of-halloween-the-vigil-of-all-saints-day.html>

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